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Delighted final Congressional clearances obtained Wheelus Road and grateful to all those in Washington who have cooperated to make this project possible. An on-site survey, final design and obligation funds must be accomplished prior July 1 but have little opportunity use Wheelus Road as bargaining point current negotiations, which inactive at moment and not likely be resumed until after at least part of construction contract has been let. Would expect, however, be able use approval of project at later date in negotiations to show that we have taken important step to eliminate some of irritations caused by presence Wheelus Air Base and make it less of a political liability to GOL.

Greatest impact will be on Wali and provincial Government of Tripolitania where approval new road may be useful in resolving some of our outstanding problems, such as acquisition of Lumgomare property.

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